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SUBJECT: SEAGA INTERPRETS PNP STRATEGY, PREDICTS SELECTED TERRORISM
AND DISCOUNTS POSSIBILITY OF COUP.

1. C-ENTIRE TEXT.

2. SUMMARY: SPEAKING ON APRIL 2 BEFORE A GROUP OF CHIEFS
OF DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS AND BANKERS HE HAD INVITED, JLP LEADER
EDWARD SEAGA ALLEGED THAT THE PNP NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COUNCIL'S
MARCH 22 DECISION TO HALT IMF NEGOTIATIONS WAS BASED ON
POLITICAL MOTIVATIONS OF THE PNP MARXISTS AND NOT ON ECONOMIC
MOTIVATIONS. HE WARNED THE DIPLOMATIC COMMUNITY THAT ANY
ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE AT THIS TIME WOULD AVOID A SUDDEN
ECONOMIC CRUNCH AND GIVE THE MARXIST CONTROLLED PNP THE TIME
IT NEDDS TO BECOME ENTRENCHED. SEAGA WARNED THE BANKERS THAT
DEVELOPING COUNTRIES AROUND THE WORLD ARE WATCHING JAMAICA'S
ATTEMPT TO RESCHEDULE ITS DEBTS AND WOULD BE EAGER TO DO THE
SAME IF JAMAICA IS SUCCESSFUL. SEAGA FORESEES SELECTED
TERRORISM AIMED AT THE JLP AS THE PNP'S STRATEGY, NOT THE
CALLING OF A STATE OF EMERGENCY. SEAGA CALLED AGAIN FOR INTER-

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NATIONAL OBSERVERS TO STILL PRE-ELECTION VIOLENCE DESPITE
PRIME MINISTER MANLEY'S REJECTION OF THE PROPOSAL. THE
POSSIBILITY OF A JLP SPONSORED COUP WAS RAISED DURING THE
QUESTION PERIOD AND DISMISSED BY SEAGA ON GROUNDS OF PRINCIPLE
AND LACK OF NECESSITY. END SUMMARY.

3. ACCOMPANIED BY HUGH SHEARER AND OTHER TOP JLP LEADERS,
EDWARD SEAGA OUTLINED HIS VIEW OF HOW THE PNP REACHED ITS
MARCH 22 DECISION TO FOREGO FURTHER IMF NEGOTIATIONS AND WHAT
THE PNP STRATEGY WOULD BE NOW. SEAGA CLAIMED THAT THE
MARXISTS SAW THE OPPORTUNITY AT THE MARCH 22 PNP NATIONAL
EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING TO: COULDA NEW POLITICAL PATH WITH
THE NEW ECONOMIC PATH. ACCORDING TO SEAGA: THEY BASED THEIR
CASE ON THE PROBABLY COLLAPSE OF THE PNP IN ANY FUTURE
ELECTIONS (KINGSTON 2479). THE SUCCESS OF THEIR MANUEVER

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DEPENDS ON THE CREDIBILITY OF THEIR ECONOMIC ALTERNATIVE.
IF IT IS CREDIBLE ENOUGH TO ATTRACT EXTERNAL SUPPORT AND
AVOID A SUDDEN ECONOMIC CRUNCH, THEN THE MARXISTS CAN ENTRENCH.
SEAGA'S MESSAGE TO THE ASSEMBLED CHIEFS OF MISSION WAS THAT
A LONG PERIOD OF ECONOMIC SECURITY IS NECESSARY FOR THE
PNP TO SUCCEED WITH ITS PLANS. SEAGA THEN POINTED OUT
THE GAPS AND FALSE ASSUMPTIONS HE SAW IN THE PNP ECONOMIC
ALTERNATIVE.

4. SEAGA'S MESSAGE TO THE BANKERS WAS THAT A RESCHEDULING
OF JAMAICA'S DEBTS (A PRINCIPLE PART OF THE PNP ECONOMIC
PLAN) WOULD ENCOURAGE OTHER DEVELOPING NATIONS TO
EXPECT THE SAME TREATMENT IN THE FUTURE. HE PREDICTED
THE GOJ WOULD RESORT TO THE PRINING OF NEW MONEY AS
PART OF THE SHORT TERM SOLUTION.

5. THE MARXIST POLITICAL CONTROL OF THE GOVERNMENT

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WOULD BE MANIFESTED, SEAGA CALIMED, BY THE APPOINTMENT OF
RADICALS TO POSITIONS VACATED BY MODERATES, THE USE OF
INTIMIDATION TECHNIQUES, A MORE OPEN ALLIANCE BETWEEN THE
PNP AND THE WORKER'S PART OF JAMAICA (WPJ), AND AN ANTI-
IMPERIALIST PROPAGANDA ONSLAUGHT. SEAGA BELIEVES
THAT THE PNP WILL NOT CALL FOR A STATE OF EMERGENCY, BUT
WILL USE SELECTED TERRORISM TO WEAKEN THE OPPOSITION. THE
WEAPONS FOR THIS TERRORISM WILL BE THE HOME GUARD, THE
COMMUNITY COUNCILS, THE ECONOMIC INTELLIGENCE UNIT, AND
FOOD RATIONING -- THE RATION CARD BEING GRANTED TO
REWARD SUPPORTERS AND WITHHELD FROM DISSIDENTS.

6. ALTHOUGH SEAGA BELIEVES HIS BEST OPPORTUNITY FOR
WINNING AN ELECTION WOULD BE WITH A NEW VOTERS LIST,
NATIONAL INTEEST REQUIRED HIM TO CALL FOR EARLY
ELECTIONS SINCE EARLY ELECTIONS WOULD KEEP THE PNP
FROM DAMAGING THE ECONOMY MORE AND WOULD NOT ALLOW THE
MARXISTS TIME TO SETTLE IN. HE EXPRESSED FAITH IN
THE SYSTEM OF PUTTING INDELIBLE INK ON A PERSON'S HAND
AFTER HE VOTES TO CONTROL MULTIPLE VOTING AND AGAIN
CALLED FOR INTERNATIONAL OBSERVERS TO RESTRAIN PRE-
ELECTION VIOLENCE. EVEN IF MANLEY WILL NOT
AGREE TO THE USE OF OBSERVERS, SEAGA SAID HE WILL
SEEK THEM WITHOUT GOVERNMENT COOPERATION. SEAGA
THOUGHT MANLEY AGREED TO EARLY ELECTIONS BECAUSE HE
WANTS TO GET CENTER STAGE BACK FROM THE MARXISTS,
ALTHOUGH SEAGA ADDED HE WAS NOT SEPARATING MANLEY
FROM THE MARXISTS ENTIRELY.

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7. THE RECOVERY PROGRAM UNDER JLP LEADERSHIP WOULD CENTER AROUND PROJECTS WITH MOTIVATIONAL IMPACT TO RESTORE CONFIDENCE. HE CAUTIONED THAT SUCH MOTIVATIONAL PROJECTS WOULD BE WASTED IF INITIATED DURING THE PRE-ELECTION CLIMATE OF LOW MOTIVATION AND WOULD SERVE ONLY TO FORESTALL THE ECONOMIC CRUNCH. THEREFORE NO NEW AID AGREEMENTS SHOULD BE SIGNED UNTIL AFTER THE ELECTIONS.

8. SEAGA WAS ASKED IF A RIGHT WING COUP WERE POSSIBLE, AND HE ANSWERED THAT EVEN APART FROM THE QUESTION OF PRINCIPLE ON WHICH HE WOULD OPPOSE IT, A COUP WAS NOT CONSIDERED BECAUSE HIS LEAD IS SO STRONG IN THE POLLS. THE JAMAICA BROADCASTING CORPORATION'S REPORT OF THIS MEETING CLAIMED THAT SEAGA HAD ASKED THE AMERICAN AMBASSADOR TO HALT AID TO JAMAICA.

9. COMMENT: THE MEETING WAS WELL ATTENDED BY CHIEFS OF MISSION AND BANKERS. SEAGA TERMED HIS SPEECH "A POLITICAL ANALYSIS OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENTS" AND WAS GEARED TO COUNTER MANLEY'S CLAIM THAT THE DECISION AGAINST THE IMF WAS NOT AN IDEOLOGICAL ONE. HE ALSO

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HIT HARD ON THE IMPORTANCE OF AN EARLY ELECTION, PARTICULARLY WHEN HE CLAIMED THAT NO RECOVERY PLAN INITIATED BEFORE AN ELECTION WOULD SUCCEED. THE MEETINGS SHOWS HOW THE DIPLOMATIC CORPS IS VIEWED AS THE CENTER OF A ROPE IN A TUG OF WAR BETWEEN THE TWO PARTIES.

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